

[NOTE.—The enrolled bill shows that the foregoing act passed the House of Representatives by the following vote, yeas 97, nays 0; and passed the Senate by the following vote, yeas 27, nays 0.]

Approved March 20, 1907.
Became a law March 20, 1907.

ABORTION—DEFINING SAME AND PROVIDING PUNISHMENT.

H. B. No. 140.] CHAPTER XXXIII.

An Act to amend Article 641 of the Penal Code of the State of Texas, relating to abortion, and defining the meaning of that term, and providing punishment for those guilty of the offense of abortion as defined.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Texas:* Article 641. If any person shall designedly administer to a pregnant woman, or knowingly procure to be administered with her consent, any drug or medicine, or shall use toward her any violence, or means whatever, externally or internally applied, and shall thereby procure an abortion, he shall be punished by confinement in the penitentiary not less than two nor more than five years; if it be done without her consent, the punishment shall be doubled.

By the term "abortion" is meant that the life of the fetus or embryo shall be destroyed in the woman's womb, or that a premature birth thereof be caused.

SEC. 2. The fact that Article 641 of the Penal Code, which relates to the offense of abortion, does not define said offense, and is therefore inoperative, creates an emergency and an imperative public necessity that the constitutional rule requiring bills to be read on three several days in each house, should be, and is hereby suspended, and that this act take effect and be in force from and after its passage, and it is so enacted.

Approved March 20, 1907.
Takes effect ninety days after adjournment.

COURTS—FIXING JURISDICTION OF, IN SAN JACINTO COUNTY.

H. B. No. 392.] CHAPTER XXXIV.

An Act to confer upon the county court of San Jacinto county the civil and criminal jurisdiction heretofore belonging to said court under the Constitution and general statutes of the State of Texas; to define the jurisdiction of said court; to conform the jurisdiction of the district court of said county to such change; to fix the time of holding court; to repeal all laws and parts of laws in conflict with this act, and declaring an emergency.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Texas:* That the county court of San Jacinto county shall hereafter have exclusive original jurisdiction in civil cases wherein the matter in con-